

ACCELERATED BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION/ MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ECONOMICS

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in economics may complete the BBA and MS in Economics (thesis option) programs concurrently. This accelerated program does not reduce the number of semester hours required in either degree and does not allow double counting of hours. However, it provides greater flexibility in course scheduling, may reduce the time required to complete the two degrees, and may allow more efficient use of financial aid. The BBA in Economics (and any additional undergraduate majors) will be awarded simultaneously with the MS in Economics upon completion of all degree requirements. Students who decide to withdraw from the accelerated program will be allowed to finish the BBA program but will not be allowed to re-enter the accelerated degree program at a later date.

Admission

Interested students should engage in early degree planning and may apply for the accelerated program upon completion of 90 semester hours of credit. Applicants must be making good progress in the BBA program, must be majoring in economics, and must have an economics GPA of 3.5 or higher prior to applying for the program. Admission decisions will be based on the prior undergraduate record, GRE scores, and two letters of recommendation from professors in economics or related disciplines. Additional admissions requirements can be found under the Business School Admissions.

Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Requirements		
Undergraduate Arts and Sciences		41-53
Undergraduate Business Core		50
Undergraduate Economics Minor		15
Undergraduate Electives (as needed)		6
Chapel (2 semesters)		N/A
Total Undergraduate Minimum - 124 sem. hrs.		
Graduate Economics Core		
ECO 5001	Research Seminar	0
ECO 5002	Research Seminar	0
ECO 5310	Macroeconomic Analysis in the Global Economy	3
ECO 5315	Microeconomic Theory and Business Decisions	3
ECO 5347	Econometric Theory and Methods	3
ECO 5349	Causal Inference and Research Design	3
or ECO 5351	Data Science I	
Graduate Electives ¹		12
Thesis		6
Total Hours		142-154

¹ Course selections must be approved by the Economics Graduate Program Director.

Note: For Baylor Business Fellows, the undergraduate portion will be adjusted to the requirements of that program.

At least eighteen hours of graduate course work must be in economics (courses prefixed by ECO), and 15 of these hours (not including thesis hours) must be at the 5000-level. Additionally, 18 hours of overall course work (in or out of economics) must be at the 5000-level. Only 4000-level courses approved for graduate credit will count toward the degree requirements. BBA/MS in Economics candidates must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher in their graduate economics courses. Students in this program must complete the version of the MS in Economics that includes a thesis requirement. The minimum duration of the joint program is four years.